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Report Highlights:

The National Development and Reform Commission published on its web site an announcement on re-allocation of 2004 import TRQs for agricultural commodities. This is an UNOFFICIAL translation of the announcement.

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Summary

The National Development and Reform Commission published on its web site an announcement on re-allocation of 2004 agricultural product import TRQs on August 23, 2004. According to China's WTO accession protocol, application for re-allocation of unused quota will be accepted from September 1 to 15, and re-allocation made by October 1. The following is an UNOFFICIAL translation of the announcement.

BEGIN TRANSLATION:

**The National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Commerce
Joint Announcement No. 50, 2004**

August 11, 2004

In accordance with *the Interim Administrative Measures for Agricultural Product Import Tariff Rate Quota*, the Announcement on Re-allocation of 2004 Agricultural Product Import Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) is formulated and released hereafter.

National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)
Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Announcement on Re-allocation of 2004 Agricultural Product Import TRQ

Based on the provisions of *the Interim Administrative Measures for Agricultural Product Import Tariff Rate Quota* (MOFCOM and NDRC Decree 4 of 2003, hereinafter referred to as *Interim Measures*), *the Amount, Application Requirements, and Allocation Principles for 2004 Import TRQs for Grain and Cotton* (NDRC Announcement 25 of 2003, hereinafter referred to as *Allocation Principles*), and *the Allocation Details for 2004 Import TRQs for Palm Oil, Soy Oil, Rapeseed Oil, and Sugar* (MOFCOM Announcement 51 of 2003, hereinafter referred to as *Allocation Details*). The details on re-allocation of 2004 agricultural product import TRQs are announced as follows:

1. End-users holding 2004 import TRQs for wheat, corn, rice, soy oil, rapeseed oil, palm oil, sugar, or cotton, should return unused quotas to their respective provincial (autonomous region, municipal, or independent city) Development and Reform Commission (DRC) or Commercial Office (or Foreign Economic and Trade Office) by September 15 if they have yet to sign import contracts for all their quotas for this year or they have signed the import contract but the shipment is not projected to depart the loading port by the end of this year. NDRC and MOFCOM will re-allocate the returned quotas. For end-users who fail to return their unused quotas and do not use all the quotas by the end of this year, NDRC and MOFCOM will proportionally deduct their quotas when allocating 2005 agricultural product import TRQs.
2. End-users who obtained and used all of their 2004 import TRQs specified in Article 1 of this announcement (copy of customs clearance needed) and new users who have met the requirements for the *Allocation Principles* and *Allocation Details* but did not apply for 2004 import TRQs at the beginning of this year may file an application for re-allocation of the agricultural product import TRQs at their respective provincial (autonomous region, municipal, or independent city) DRC or Commercial Office (or Foreign Economic and Trade Office).

3. Applicants need to submit a written application for re-allocation of TRQs at their respective provincial (autonomous region, municipal, or independent city) DRC or Commercial Office (or Foreign Economic and Trade Office) between September 1 and September 15.
4. Following a preliminary review of applications, the provincial (autonomous region, municipal, or independent city) DRC or Commercial Office (or Foreign Economic and Trade Office) should, beginning on September 1, enter eligible applications into the computerized management system for import TRQ and report, in writing, to NDRC and MOFCOM, respectively, before September 20, after the applications have been sorted in chronological order.
5. NDRC and MOFCOM will re-allocate the returned quotas in accordance with the reporting order on the Internet and inform end-users of the TRQ re-allocation results by October 1.

If the total requested amount from eligible applications is less than TRQ re-allocation amount, every applicant will be accommodated with his/her demand; when the total requested amount from eligible applications is greater than the TRQ re-allocation amount, the re-allocation will be carried out on a first-come-first-serve basis as specified in the Allocation Principles and Allocation Details.

6. The validity and other items concerning the re-allocated TRQs will be implemented in line with the Interim Measures, Allocation Principles, and Allocation Details.
7. NDRC and provincial (autonomous region, municipal, or independent city) DRCs are responsible for re-allocation of import TRQs for wheat, corn, rice, and cotton; MOFCOM and provincial (autonomous region, municipal, or independent city) Commercial Offices (or Foreign Economic and Trade Offices) are responsible for re-allocation of import TRQs for palm oil, soy oil, rapeseed oil, and sugar.

END TRANSLATION

FAS Beijing's other GAIN reports concerning re-allocation of 2004 agricultural product import TRQ with unofficial English translation include:

TRQ Administrative Interim Rules and Regulations –CH2007

Revised Administrative Interim Rules and Regulations-CH3128

Implementation Measures of 2004 TRQ Allocation for Grains and Cotton –CH3129

Implementation Measures of 2004 TRQ Allocation for Oils and Sugar –CH3130

Implementation Measures of 2004 TRQ Allocation for Wool and Wool Tops –CH3131